

Tentative Agenda

Meeting participants will be asked to come prepared to actively discuss successes, problems, information gaps with ongoing research and monitoring programs and protocols in breakout topics listed in program.

Tuesday May 13

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Registration

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Setting the Context..... General Session Room

Presentations focus on conservation issues and targets related to meeting breakout topics, as described in agency planning documents

- Welcome and Introductions (10 min)
- Background: Development of Ozark Communities Partnership (20 min)
- Conservation Targets and Issues for Ozark Streams: TNC Ozarks Ecoregional Assessment (20 minutes)
- Conservation Targets and Issues for Ozark Streams: Missouri Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (20 minutes)
- Conservation Targets and Issues for Ozark Streams: Arkansas Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (20 minutes)

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Setting the Context (cont'd)

- Conservation Targets and Issues for Ozark Streams: Oklahoma Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (20 minutes)
- Conservation Targets and Issues for Ozark Streams: US Fish and Wildlife Service (20 minutes)
- Conservation Targets and Issues for Ozark Streams: National Park Service (20 minutes)
- Conservation Targets and Issues for Ozark Streams: US Forest Service (20 minutes)
- Overview of Wednesday's breakout session goals and Thursday's field trips (10 minutes)

Dinner on your own

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Poster Session/Social with Cash Bar

Wednesday May 12

8:00 am – 9:30 am

Presentations to Summarize the Common Issues Described in Tuesday's Sessions (15 minutes each; bulk of work will be done in breakouts.)

- Fish passage issues
- Riparian habitat/restoration issues
- Recreational fisheries issues
- Water quality and quantity issues
- Private landowner values/BMPs issues
- Instructions to breakout groups

9:30 am – 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Breakout Groups Facilitated by Presenter Above or Other Person with First-Hand Experience in the Topic.

- Fish passage issues
- Riparian habitat/restoration
- Recreational fisheries
- Water quality and quantity
- Private landowner values/BMPs

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Lunch Box (Lunches served to breakout rooms at noon; groups may work through lunch if desired.)

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Breakout Group Reports General Session Room

- Fish passage issues
- Riparian habitat/restoration
- Recreational fisheries
- Water quality and quantity
- Private landowner values/BMPs

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Wrap-up General Session Room

- Next steps for breakout groups
- Opportunities for USGS/DOI funding of research needs
- Natural Resources Monitoring Partnership Protocol Database: Ozark Node
- Details for field trips for next day
- Adjourn

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Group Dinner/BBQ

Thursday May 14

8:00 am – 1:00 pm

Optional Field Trip(s)

- Optional field trip(s) to site(s) associated with one or more topics presented above. Site visits will feature short explanations of the site, the issues, the management actions, results, problems, etc.

Ozark Summit 2008: Ozark Streams

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West Plains, Missouri



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A Summit on Ozark Streams Background

In May 2004, resource managers and scientists from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and National Park Service (NPS), met in Fayetteville, Arkansas to identify Ozark resource issues of importance to the Department of the Interior. The Ozarks are split among three USFWS administrative regions and two NPS regions and there was a desire to comprehensively address Ozark resource issues. In addition to identifying key resource issues, participants recognized the need to work with additional Ozark stakeholders involved in natural resource research or management. The goals of broad-based cooperation include expanding applicability of research results, widely sharing results and information, and developing and maintaining a publicly-accessible clearinghouse for information, research products and management tools. Addressing Shared Ozark Resource Management Goals Within the Ozarks, there is significant overlap in the species, habitats and conservation goals identified in State Wildlife Action Plans, The Nature Conservancy's Ozarks Ecoregional Assessment, those identified by NPS, USFWS and USGS in 2004, as well as other agencies' planning documents. Tremendous opportunities exist to work together at geographic locations; to share successful monitoring protocols and research designs, products and results; and to develop methods to measure the effectiveness of conservation actions.

The First Ozark Summit

The USGS Columbia Environmental Research Center and the Missouri Chapter of The Nature Conservancy are co-hosting the first Ozark Summit. The purpose is to improve Ozark-based natural resource research and management through active collaboration of scientists and managers from many agencies. The unifying theme of the first Summit is "Ozark Streams." Conservation targets have already been identified in agency planning documents; we intend to strengthen existing partnerships and develop new ones by identifying ways to begin or expand collaborative work on specific topics. The summit will take place May 13 – 15, 2008 in West Plains, Missouri and includes a field trip to locations where inter-agency collaboration is already resulting in successful conservation management actions. On the first day, invited speakers will summarize conservation targets and concerns identified in planning documents related to breakout topics. An evening social event will showcase posters describing

successful research and monitoring programs, management evaluation tools, and collaborative partnerships.

Getting the Work Started

On the second day, facilitated breakout groups will develop Ozark-wide strategies toward reaching priority conservation targets and evaluating management actions. Groups will vary in their proposed approach depending on the nature of identified needs and actions. Meeting participants are expected to come prepared to actively discuss successes, challenges, and information needs for research, monitoring, and management programs in one of the following breakout topics:

- Fish passage
- Riparian habitat/restoration
- Recreational fisheries
- Water quality/quantity
- Private landowner values/BMPs

We look forward to a successful event and hope the first Ozark Summit can serve as a model for developing Ozark-wide conservation strategies to benefit a wide stakeholder base for many resource issues.